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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### ICY BAY SUBDISTRICT LINGCOD FISHERY CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the Icy Bay Subdistrict (IBS) will close to lingcod retention in the directed fishery and longline and troll bycatch fisheries at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 23, 2012. The all-gear combined commercial quota for lingcod in IBS is 66,660 round pounds. An estimated 57,000 round pounds have been taken from this area and the department anticipates that the remainder of the allocation will be taken at the time of the closure. All lingcod taken in the IBS commercial longline and troll fisheries are required to be released after the closure is in effect.

The directed lingcod fishery remains open in the Northern Southeast Outside (NSEO) Section, Central Southeast Outside (CSEO) Section, and the Southern Southeast Outer Coast (SSEOC) Sector. Lingcod catch will be closely monitored and fishermen should expect additional area closures on short notice. Closure notices will be announced by news release and on the United States Coast Guard "Notice to Mariners" report and the National Weather Service marine broadcast.

Updates of area closures for all lingcod fisheries will be available on the Groundfish Hotline at 907-747-4882. For additional information on the directed lingcod fishery, refer to the news release issued on April 23, 2012.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1G0912.

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